

## FoBNP Bushcare Report for October 2019

In October the Friends of Belair National Park volunteered 175.5 hours.

128 hours were spent in VMU 16, removing mainly Sollya (*Billardiera heterophylla*).

47.5 hours were spent working with the Trees for Life contractor team in VMU 9A. We removed smaller Blow-fly bush (*Rhamnus alaternus*), small boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*), some large South African daisy (*Senecio pterophorus*), and olives (*Olea europaea*).

Thank you to Frances: the hours for the third quarter 2019 have been completed. The total volunteer hours are 493, and 1,516 for the year to the end of September 2019. The greatest number of hours for the July to Sept quarter, 149 were spent in VMU 19 – thanks to Ross Handsaker and Spencer Trowse. 87 hours were in VMU 33 – thanks to Ian Graham. 74 hours were spent in VMU 28 – thanks to Craig Baulderstone. The group spent their longest time this quarter, 64 hours, in VMU 15. 37 hours were spent in VMU 35 - thanks to Chris Stagg, and Vaike Aldridge and Heather Drage, who also put in many hours in VMU 12.

We plan to continue work in VMU 16, controlling the rampant Sollya, and more time will be spent in VMU 9A to complete dealing with the weedy area in that otherwise good bush block. In the hot weather, due to the fire danger, we plan to work in VMU 2 to remain closer to exits in case of unexpected threats arising.

Thank you so much to our volunteers!

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The flower of Grooved Dampiera (*Dampiera lanceolata*) seen in VMU 16 after the prescribed burn; photo taken 1 October 2019